even now. But the percentage alone varies with different Governments. Different percentages of the post of District Registrars are reserved for clerks with experience. Our Government may also be pleased to reserve a small percentage at least say 25 per cent of the posts for experienced clerks in that department. It is with a purpose that I did not mention the percentage in my resolution. I have stated there only a small percentage of posts may be given to these clerks, with experience. I commend this resolution for the acceptance of the House.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—I beg to second it.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Government have an intention to bring in such a rule; but under-graduates will not be preferred.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—It is to reserve a few posts to the under-graduate clerks that I have brought this resolution.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—What the Government is going to order is that Graduates with special tests may be appointed as Registrar and that selection need not be restricted to Law Graduates alone.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—It is a very unsympathetic attitude of the Government.

I beg leave of the House to withdraw the resolution.

Resolution was, with leave, withdrawn.

Prorogation of the Council.

Deputy President.—Honourable Members of the Cochin Legislative Council,

We have now come to the natural end of the Third Council and as we stand on the threshold of the normal life of this Council I would like to look back to survey our labours on behalf of the people of Cochin whom we serve. as much as we do His Highness our Beloved Maha Raja of Cochin in all loyalty. We have attempted to place on the Statute Book of Cochin eight Regulations. Of these, I would specially mention the passing of the Nambudiri Bill which on receiving His Highness' assent would go a long way for the improvement and advancement of that community and bring them in line with modern requirements. We have passed 17 resolutions affecting the welfare of the people and of them three have been accepted by the Government. 449 questions have been asked. Of these 410 questions were admitted and of these 385 questions have been answered in this Council. These in themselves are notable achievements.

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But during the life of the Council we have obtained greater privileges, thanks to the liberal-mindedness of the Rulers of Cochin. In the very beginning of this present Third Council we were granted the privilege of informally electing the Deputy President (but for that I may not have been in the Chair now) and in the course of the life of the Council, we have this privilege turned into a Statutory provision along with the extension of the right of supplementary questions, in standing memory of the accession of His Highness to the gadhi of Cochin. These are great privileges and we are thankful for them and let us sincerely hope that before the 4th Council comes into being we would obtain greater privileges leading us further on the road to Responsible Government.

With these few words I should have dissolved the Council but for the anxiousness of our Government to from the next Council upon a wider franchise to make the Council more and more representative of public opinion. Thus it is growing from strength to strength and public is realising itself more and more in the administration of the affairs of the land.

I wish to thank you all for your hearty co-operation with the Chair and wish you all a long needed rest, and hope all of you will come back to the next meeting with renewed vigour to carry on the discussions on the Budget for the year 1110 M. E.

With these few words I prorogue the Council.

The House rose at 5-15 p. m.

C. J. MATHEW,

Secretary to the Legislative Council.

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